**The U.S. Constitution Reading Guide**

**Read each Article of the Constitution. Summarize the general purpose or subject of each article in one sentence in the chart below:**

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| **Preamble** |  |
| **Article I** |  |
| **Article II** |  |
| **Article III** |  |
| **Article IV** |  |
| **Article V** |  |
| **Article VI** |  |
| **Article VII** |  |

**2. Compare Article I with Article II. Which is longer and more detailed?**

**3. Identify two powers denied from Congress in the Constitution.**

**4. How do the House of Representatives determine the rules proceedings?**

**5. Identify two powers the Constitution prohibits from the states.**

**6. What are the eligibility requirements** **for members of the Senate?**

**7. What are the eligibility requirements for the President?**

**8. The powers of the Constitution that are specifically granted to the branches of government or to office holders are called expressed powers. Identify two expressed powers of each of the following:**

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**Vice President**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Congress**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9. According to the principle of checks and balances, each branch of the government must have control over the other branches. Look at the first three articles of the constitution and identify one of each type of checks and balances. Indicate where each power is listed in the Constitution (article/section).**

**How does the Executive check the Legislative?**

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**10. According to the Constitution who has the power to declare war?**

**11. What power does the Constitution give the president in the area of war?**

**12. See Article VI. Explain the Supremacy Clause in your own words.**

**13. What are two ways that amendments to the Constitution can be proposed?**

**14. What two ways that amendments to the Constitution can be ratified?**

**15. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are called the Bill of Rights. Outline the general purpose of all 27 amendments:**

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**Which amendment(s) protect the rights of women?**

**Which amendment(s) protect the rights of African Americans?**

**How were U.S. Senators chosen before the seventeenth amendment?**

**Identify by number the amendments that:**

**Extended individual rights?**

**Extended voting rights?**

**Prohibited certain practices by the states?**

**Outline the process for installing the Vice President as acting President against the will of the president as described in the twenty-fifth amendment.**

**How many times is the word privacy mentioned in the Constitution (articles and amendments)?**

**Identify two terms in the Constitution that you do not understand. Look up the meanings of the terms and define them here.**